

I have originally tried to purchase the same service an independent ISP now provides from SWB. SWB did not provide me with consistent and quality service and it took them 2 months to get it up and running. I switched to an independent ISP 2 years ago and have never looked back. Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.